**POOR PROFITABILITY OF PUBLIC SECTOR PROJECTS**

2462. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the con tinuing time and cost overruns is implr mentation of public sector projects are a major cause of poor profitability of these projects;

(b) whether such overruns also lead to premature technology absolescence;

(c) whether these delays are caused by inadequate attention to all aspects of project planning and implementation;

(d) ff so, what steps does that Government intend to take to rectify the situation and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF IHE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PRO-' GRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) No, sir. The' time and cost overrun is one of the major reasons for poor profitability of only some public sector projects.

(b) No, sir. However, only in hightech areas where inordinate delay may cause technological obsolescence.

(c) The delay is generally caused by the delay in land acquisition, delay in supplies, poor project management and failure of contractors.

(d) The Government is continuously studying the scope for improvenents in the existing systems and procedures. The procedural aspects of land acquisition, contract management and application of latest project management tools for improved formulation, appraisal, planning and Implementation are under consideration to avoid delays and cost increase in projects.

**ALLOCATION FOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN MADHYA PRADESH**

2463. SHRI DIUP SINGH lUDEV : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION te pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated fct irrigation projects in each districtof Madhya Pradesh during the EighthFive Year Plan; and

(b) what is the allocation of funds *tot* tribal and backward areas for the projects which are likely to be completed in the State during the Plan period and breakup for each year, district-wise ?

THE MINBTER OP STATE OF THt MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PRO^ GRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR (X>MANGO) : (a) and (b) Irrigation being a Skate subject, the allo cation of funds, planning, execution and maintenance etc. are the resposibiliHy of the concerned State Goveminents. The P'lanning Commtssiion, to not' reaom-moid distric wise fluids for irrigation projects. For the Eighth Five Year Plan, the Plaiming Commission have approved an outlay of Rs. 1791.29 crores for Major and Medium Irrigation schemes and Rs. 728.37 crores for Minor Irrigtion Schemes. As per the State Govemawnt of Madhya Pradesh, the flow of funds from the irrigation projects to the Tribal sub-Plan during 8th Plan is estimated to be Rs. 9(il7.59 crores.

**NDCS PANEL ON POWER**

2364. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Development Council' (NDC) has set up a panel on power to check out on action plan for the structural reform programime tn the power sector and the related areas;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;